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THE "NEW DODGE CITY."

Twenty-seven years ago, when the railroad and the snorting steam horse came into this part of Kansas, a few enterprising frontiersmen established a trading post on the ground where now is situated the "New Dodge City." The town was established in June and the railroad came in September, 1872. The trade or commerce in those days was with buffalo hunters, Indian traders and freighters, and buffalo hides, buffalo meat, and skins of wild animals were the principal articles of commerce. There were a few general stores in the city, and these were supplemented with still more saloons and dance halls. Trade grew on apace and the increase of traffic brought more business, more saloons and the cattle drive. The annual cattle drive from Texas had its counterpart in tough cowboys who found congenial spirits in the saloon keeper, the brothel and the lewd women. Murder, robbery, and all the crimes in the calendar, were practiced in the city. Where had gathered the vultures was sure to be found the carcasses. No town in Kansas bore the distinguished reputation of Dodge City. In its "palmy days" no opprobrium escaped the wild and woolly city. High carnival in rapturous lawlessness and lawlessness held sway in these precincts. Modern Babylon was enthroned in the embrace of King Sodom and Queen Gomorrah. "The city of the plain" was beautiful to look upon in its night's revelry, with its "dance to death," amid the pop of the champagne cork and the crack of the ever ready pistol. The lurid glare of the gilded palaces of sin and the seductive charms of the courtesan no longer tempted the youth or the reveler.

Times have changed, and with the changed conditions Dodge City has taken on new habiliments. "Clothed in her night gown," Dodge City some years ago took her departure from sin and lewdness and the city is now a paragon of virtue, sobriety and industry.

Under the old regime—of whisky, long horns and unchaste things—it was not to be wondered that the city made no progress on the line of repentance; but the conversion has been gradually growing until now there is a healthy state of righteousness and a complete overthrow of the old dynasty.

There are no open joints; and the only dispenser of liquid damnation is an occasional but elusive boot-legger, skulking behind outhouses and wandering up alleys. He is like the putrid exorcism exuding from the body, and he defies the law with brazen effrontery.

Dodge City some years ago took her departure from her old ways and has cultivated a healthy growth since. Comfortable homes, industrious and peaceable people are found here. The city is progressive and enterprising, and the people are determined that Dodge City shall be the best city in the west. With that end in view the citizens are providing for a city park. The park of twenty acres adjoining the river line has been purchased and with additional land, it is proposed to lay off more ground for park purposes. In other ways the city is becoming enterprising. But Dodge City's enterprise was never wanting in the days of prosperity. There were many things done in keeping with the true spirit of enterprise and thrift. The park of trees was laid out by Hon. R. M. Wright, 10 years ago, who foresaw the destiny of Dodge City, and who perceived the necessity of contributing something that would endure, and which would be a monument to the enterprise of the early settlers. Now the citizens living in a later age of the city's growth, and finding that the stability of our city depends on using the advantages offered, have with unanimity taken a proper step in city pride. The park will be an ornament as well as comfort to our citizens; and with the additional improvements contemplated it will be the just pride of all citizens.

The natural sequence of a changed condition of affairs, is the provision of such things that bring pleasure as well as enhancing prosperity and comfort. With the industrious and frugal farmer and cattle raiser, and such environments as go to make up a peaceable and law-abiding community, the "New Dodge City" has been firmly planted on soil, as enduring as the ages. With the poet may we say that—

"Virtue alone outbuilds the Pyramids,
Her mountains shall last, when Egypt's fall."

A Narrow Escape

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Cough and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at W. F. Fine's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

PURCHASE OF THE PARK.

THE MEETING LAST NIGHT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ABOUT \$1500.00.

Quite a large number of citizens met in the rink last night, and subscriptions to the amount of \$1,500.00 was subscribed for the purchase of the park grounds. Beeson's orchestra opened the meeting with some fine music.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Summersby, who stated the object of the meeting, and on motion R. M. Wright was called to the chair. Mr. Wright said twenty years ago he conceived the idea of a park for Dodge City. For three years he had put in every tree he could beg, borrow or steal, in the park which he laid out and which the city now wishes to buy. You can see some good results from my work. He had protected the land by dikes. After two or three years of great expense and hard labor he succeeded in changing the course of the river by putting in gunny sacks filled with sand—a sort of Ends Jetty system. There is a good foundation, and it will not wash out. His cherished plan was to put in fountains and beautify the grounds and present it to the city. He was in hearty sympathy with the plan of carrying out his original idea.

W. S. Amos was chosen secretary of the meeting.

L. G. Grobety made a statement of the business proposition proposed by the committee on the purchase of the park. The men who have charge of the park land offer it to the city for \$500 and \$12 taxes. To buy the additional land from R. W. Evans will require \$300 more. This is a liberal offer. Mr. Grobety stated the benefits and uses of the of the park grounds. It could be used for fair grounds, baseball, carnivals, etc. \$800 must be raised—a small amount for the "New Dodge City." We could not go to the city treasury for the money, but there were enough of us to go into our pockets and pay for it. We want in addition to the amount of \$800, \$600 or more for improvement of the grounds. Mr. Grobety spoke of a coupon book, but the liberal offers, gratuitously given, will require no rebates. He spoke of the title to be vested in a board of trustees, until the donation could be made to the city. This is an open affair and everybody will be kept informed of the transactions. Hiram Wing, he said, had contributed one dollar subscription, the first offer.

Judge Milton was called and said, there was no doubt that the purpose of every one is to carry out the object of the meeting. He spoke of the nice homes, shade trees, flowers and the evidences of our thrift and pride, and every one is a beneficiary of these things. Everyone is interested in the pride of the city. The spirit of pride and progress prevails today, and everybody will be allowed to enjoy the shade of the beautiful park. He said the roots of patriotism grow near a man's home. The man who had no home pride is far from being a patriot. Do good for your home and you will stand with the true patriots. The secret spring that moves the patriot is the pocketbook.

W. J. Fitzgerald said the park proposition could be boiled down to four propositions: Do we need it? Is it available? Is it worth the money? Can we raise the money? He said the park could be used for the many purposes of the societies. For this reason the park is available. There were men who would pay \$2000 for the grounds. The money can be raised.

Subscriptions to the park fund were announced as follows:

Fitzgerald and Lock	\$30.00
H. Juneau	100.00
C. M. Beeson	25.00
Modern Woodmen	25.00
Reveries & Kirkpatrick	25.00
Judge B. F. Milroe	25.00
Masonic bodies	25.00
H. R. Brown	20.00
J. H. Churchill	20.00
Strange & Summersby	25.00
Sam Stubbs	25.00
Geo. W. Belghard	15.00
M. M. Gwiner	25.00
L. G. Grobety	15.00
York-Key Mer. Co.	25.00
W. S. Amos	15.00
Roy Martin	10.00
Harry Hubbard	10.00
P. H. Young	10.00
A. Gluck	25.00
J. H. Hipple & Co.	25.00
W. F. Fine	10.00
Imel & Swinburn	20.00
Dr. McCarty & Milton	20.00
C. H. Northrop	15.00
A. O. U. W. Lodge	25.00
Russell & Crane	20.00
Koch & Koley	20.00
C. O. Waring	25.00
E. Kirkpatrick	25.00
Loebner & Bader	100.00
L. E. Miller	15.00
Invisible Ceyling Club	10.00
F. J. Oyle	10.00
J. W. Lillis	10.00
N. B. Klaine	10.00
W. F. Pettillon	10.00
Faig & Thomas	10.00
E. M. Wright	5.00
Diek Stubbs	5.00
P. H. Sughrue	5.00
Peter Moots	5.00
S. P. Reynolds	5.00
J. L. Mears	5.00
E. D. Webb	5.00
H. B. Bell	5.00
J. L. Finley	5.00
Dodge City Reporter	5.00

A. W. Reedy	10.00
Rev. Wm. Westwood	5.00
Paul Henkel	5.00
John Madden	5.00
Frank Chapman	15.00
Fred Bader	10.00
Gus Barrell	20.00
Knights of Pythias	25.00
Mrs. H. Wing	1.00
H. Wing	5.00
Dr. O. H. Simpson	20.00
W. H. Preston	2.00
John Miller	5.00
Will Curry	2.00
Mrs. W. H. Pearce	5.00
Mrs. C. M. Beeson	5.00
Sam Gallagher	2.00
James Wells	2.00
Ed Driskell	2.00
Geo. Stumph	2.00
Diek Robinson	3.00
Mrs. L. G. Grobety	2.00
E. B. Goodrich	5.00
N. B. Pope	2.00
J. B. Martin	2.00
Jack Murphy	2.00
C. F. Zimmerman	15.00
C. E. Argabright	5.00
Geo. L. Potter	5.00
M. W. Burton	25.00
W. H. Madison	10.00
W. B. Rhodes	10.00
Cord & Co.	20.00
Mrs. E. Vanorstrand	5.00
George Winans	2.00
H. H. Crawford	2.00
R. F. Hammond	5.00
William Foley	5.00
E. E. Smith	20.00
William Robinson	15.00
H. A. Rink	5.00
Asa Miller	4.00
A. P. Coons	15.00
F. Stineman	2.00
Sims & Sims	15.00
F. C. Case	15.00
Joe Worker	1.00
H. W. Chapman	2.00
Charles Dickerson	11.00
Dave Sturgeon	5.00
O. A. Bond	20.00
Herman Straeter	1.00
Clarence Bondurant	1.00
E. J. Kliney	5.00
J. H. Miller	25.00
Adam Schmidt	5.00
C. M. Rall	10.00
J. M. Grover	3.00
Robert H. Lawrence	1.50
John Harris	1.50
George Preston	5.00
H. E. Tobias	10.00
J. E. Baker	3.00
Dick Madden	3.00
Ben Carr	3.00
Fred Bonerlin	3.00
J. M. Harper	3.00
George Wells	3.00
Chas. Hudson	3.00
Bob Morrow	3.00
W. J. Babbitt	2.00
Glenn Lawrence	10.00
H. F. Dickerson	3.00

Secretary Amos announced the total subscriptions \$1153, and that \$1500 would be required to meet purchase price and expenses of fitting up grounds.

The chairman was authorized to appoint two women in each ward to solicit subscriptions.

Messrs. A. Russell, L. G. Grobety and Sam Stubbs were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions among citizens who were not present at the meeting and who had not yet contributed. The meeting was enthusiastic and harmonious.

The additional subscriptions made this morning foot up a few hundred dollars more, making more than \$1500.00.

New subscriptions are being made and list will be published next week.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST

The following letters remain unclaimed for week ending Aug. 3, 1899, and unless called for within thirty days, will be sent to dead letter office. Persons calling for these letters will please say "Advertised", and give date of this notice. One cent will be charged for advertised letter delivered.

Blevins, W. M. Hartman, Joseph. Chamberlain, J. F. Jacques, W. H. Emerick, Alva. Todd, Miss Martie. J. A. ARMENT, Postmaster.

Resolutions of Condolence.

HALL OF ST. BERNARD LODGE, A. F. AND A. M., DODGE CITY, KAS.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life Fred Chapman, the eldest and much loved son of our esteemed and honored worshipful brother, W. H. Chapman, and bring our brother and his family into a place of deep sorrow, be it

Resolved, That we commend him to the Supreme Architect on high, and pray that in this time of their irreparable loss, they may find comfort in obediently bowing to the behest of that Being, who, though his ways are inscrutable, doeth all things well.

Resolved, That St. Bernard Lodge No. 223 assure our brother of its deep share in the sorrow of his loss and hereby tender him our heart-felt sympathy in his bereavement.

W. WESTWOOD, W. J. DAUES, W. T. COOLIDGE, Committee.

When the foolish man wants to buy or sell anything he rides all over the country in the hot sun for the party of the second part. The wise man puts a few lines in the newspaper and lets them go all over the country for him while he sits in the shade or goes along about his business. Whenever one man has a horse or cow, calf or farm tool to sell, there is always some other man somewhere who is wanting to buy just that thing, but these two men might travel a week without finding each other. Advertising brings them together every time.

Old Settlers' Picnic.

The annual old settlers' picnic takes place Thursday, August 31st, in Pogue's grove. C. M. Beeson, president of the society, is taking especial pains to make this gathering the best ever held. The crowd promises to be the largest ever had. Luncheon will be used and seats for 500 people will be provided. The Dodge City High School base ball nine and the Jetmore nine, two crack nines, will play for the championship of Western Kansas. The Fourth of July game between these nines, was the best ever played in this city. Spicy and entertaining speakers are engaged. G. Polk Cline of Larned, and F. Dumont Smith of Kinsley, will speak. Be sure to go and have a good time. Refreshments will be served, but take your baskets of provisions.

Protect the Game.

At a meeting of the Dodge City Gun Club, held July 31st, it was unanimously agreed that the time had come when all persons who love field sport should strive in every way possible to prevent the slaying of game. The reckless slaughter of plover merely for the sport of shooting was severely condemned. It has been done thoughtlessly, and was believed by all that when once the hunters considered the possibility of exterminating this bird, which furnishes every year so much sport and good food, they would limit their killing to their needs for home consumption. The club also agreed to give a reward \$10 to any one furnishing information to convict any one found killing prairie chickens or quail before September 1st. We do not want to prosecute any one, but desire that all sportsmen shall take pains to protect the game of the country in order that it may increase. If we do not it will happen to this the same as older States. The game will be exterminated. Lo the poor buffalo! Where is his low now?

The Gun Club will give its assistance to any one who desires to see the game of this country protected.

By ORDER OF EX. COM.

Postoffice Robbery.

From the Spearville News. Tuesday night of this week some one broke into the postoffice which is located in Edwards & Nichols' store. Entrance was gained to the building by prying up a window and a sledge hammer stolen from the Santa Fe's tool house, was used to knock the knob off of the safe which was blown open with nitro glycerine or gun cotton. The safe door was completely shattered and the safe, a small fire proof one, is a wreck.

The robbers took the stock of stamps and a bicycle, overlooking a quantity of silver which was in the bottom of the safe. The stamps were found next morning at the tool house where they had been left.

Suspicion was at once directed to a man who spent the greater part of Tuesday here, claiming to be a railroad man, and on his way to Cripple Creek, Colo., where he had a brother. Parties coming in from a social met him five miles east of town about midnight, and this gave the postmaster a pointer as to what route he was taking.

After telegraphing the officers at Kinsley a description of the suspect, Henry Nichols and Ed Chester procured a team and started after him. They overtook their man at Kinsley and pointed him out to the sheriff, but the officer failed to detain the suspect and he again got away, making a run of eight miles to Lewis over the sand hills and on foot, in one hour and forty-five minutes. At Lewis he found a deputy sheriff waiting for him as per a telegram which Mr. Nichols had sent to that officer. The evidence against the man exists in his having told here that he was going west and the fact that he gave everybody the dodge as soon as he saw the boys after him, although there had been nothing said to make him suspicious. The bicycle was found in the weeds back of one of the stores in Kinsley.

A deputy sheriff took the prisoner to Dodge City, Wednesday night.

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at W. F. Fine, City Drug Store.

12 Photos for 25c, at Burrell's Studio, on the 20th, 21st, and 22d of each month, Sittings excluded.

CASTORIA.

The Kidney and Bladder Always Suffer. Castoria.

The Normal Institute.

The Ford County Normal Institute opened on Monday with a good attendance. The majority of those attending are young women. It is presumed that the boys and young men are engaged in farming, and as is usual during periods of prosperity, the teachers classes have few young men. The young ladies, however, have the open field in educational work, and profit by the studies in the teachers' institutes.

During our visit Tuesday morning we found the officers of the institute actively engaged in their several duties. W. J. Hull of Frankfort, who is conductor, C. G. Messerley of Oage City, and W. F. Dunn of Lawrence, instructors, an able men and are well qualified for the work in which they are engaged. Prof. Hull was conductor here last year. Prof. Messerley is superintendent of the Oage City public schools, and formerly resided in this city and county.

There is a fine program arranged for the institute, and we believe that the teachers and students will avail themselves of the opportunity to profit by the advantages offered.

Chas. E. Lopp, county superintendent, who is looking after the institute's interests, furnishes us with a roll of the members attending:

STUDENTS ENROLLED.

Myrtle Keech	Maud Snyder
Macl Tate	Belle Drake
Helen Spencer	Carrie Brink
Wilbur Clark	Mattie Padgett
Fred Straeter	Mabel Graver
H. B. Wheaton	Kate Shelly
Mattie Sommerhalter	Ona M. Ackley
Bertha Roll	Mary Hinkel
Abbie Dodge	Blanche Richardson
Nellie Chapman	Cora Burgess
Leona Summersby	May Davis
Flourance Hutton	Grace Metcalf
Ada Cook	Carrie Fowler
Mattie Kinkaid	Hallie White
Tina Wiseman	Lonella Hoard
Idah Behl	F. C. Woodbury
Lava Sughrue	Barbara Mayrath
Rosa McDowell	Ida Griffith
Rose Anna McDermott	Jennie Adams
Helen Anderson	L. J. Barnes
Edith Soule	Sybil Dodge
Eva Ralston	Lulu Anderson
Lulu Starn	Harriet Lloyd
Grace Klein	Eulalia Nevins
Julia Sughrue	Maudie Sayre
Kathleen Morrison	Mrs. Flora Thome
Winona Timmons	Carrie Hobbie
Agness Slattery	Mrs. Ada Pitzer
Flourance Sloan	J. H. Herron
Jennie Grimm	M. D. Herron
C. C. Millard	

John McDonald, editor of the Western School Journal, was in the city yesterday, and addressed the Normal Institute. Mr. McDonald had been to Los Angeles. Mr. McDonald was pleased with the fine and bright appearance of the normal students attending here.

Broke Jail.

Harry Howard, who is charged with burglarizing the Spearville postoffice, broke jail at 9:30 o'clock, Tuesday night. The prisoner made an exit through the window in the water closet. There are two steel bolts, or bars, in the window. Both sets of bars are fastened in the walls but the lower ends of the bars sit in a heavy stone sill and are fastened in with babbitt metal. The outside bars were pried open by the stone being split in two where the outside bars are fastened into it. A piece of the inner bar was broken so as to admit of an opening, and through this narrow passage the prisoner escaped. Some one of the outside must have furnished the prisoners with an iron bar, which was probably used in prying the stone apart.

There are three prisoners in the jail, the two negroes who are charged with assault on railroad trainmen, and the young man from Hodgeman county, who is serving a jail sentence. The discovery of the escape of Howard was found in time to prevent the escape of the two negroes, but it is probable that they could not have gone through the break made by Howard. It is not likely that the young man desired to escape as his sentence is about finished. Sheriff Bell is absent, but Under Sheriff Hale and Deputy Sheriff Bell started at once after the fugitive.

The negroes had saved some lunches and intended to escape, but were discovered before Howard could assist them in making their escape.

A steel bar six feet long and one and one-half inches thick, of octagon shape, was found in the jail. This bar had laid on the coal pile outside. Mrs. Bell, about the time she went to close up the prisoners for the night, heard a noise on the outside of the jail; and going to the place she reached there in time to see the prisoner escaping. An alarm was given but the fellow eluded pursuit.

Guy Gibbons has filed a claim with the county clerk demanding \$500 for injuries sustained during the jailbreak of July 8th. Gibbons was shot in the jaw by Frank Bohannon and claims he was acting in the capacity of a deputy sheriff while delivering a saddled horse ordered by Sheriff Barr. The claim will be considered by the board of county commissioners at their next meeting.—La Junta Tribune.

RAILROAD NEWS.

—Brakeman Davis is on the sick list week.

—Switchman Williams is on sick list; Al Warren in his place.

—Conductor McElwain is laying off; Crawford in his place.

—Jas. Gamber has returned from Pueblo and is on duty again.

—C. S. Parsons is on extra list while his car is on work train.

—Conductor Junkins is on the sick list; Webber out in his place.

—Brakeman Cowley has been off with a sore hand. Clark in his place.

—Engines 251 and 262, 8-wheel McQueens, have been sent to Rio Grande division.

—Mr. Abbott from Kansas City, has taken charge of the Western Union Telegraph office.

—Express Agent Schmoker and Sealer Wallace will take a trip on their bikes to Meade, next Sunday.

—Ed Bowen has been promoted as conductor and took No. 31 out in Hematis place last Monday.

—C. C. Christal has been released from the hospital, and will soon be ready for duty.

—Supplement D to time table No. 9 went into effect August 1st. No changes east of La Junta.

—Mrs. Jessie Brown, wife of Conductor Jas. H. Brown of Pueblo, is visiting friends in the city.

—The other day in northern Kansas a bird flew against the head-light of a locomotive running full speed and cracked the glass.

—Arrangements are being made for the handling of Rocky Ford melons, and the first shipments will be made the latter part of this week.

—Thirty cars of California fruit, en route to the east, were reiced daily at La Junta, during last week. The cars were loaded with plums and peaches.

—In western Kansas the Rock Island is gathering in all its empty freight cars, and sending them to Oklahoma. They are needed in handling the corn crop.

—It is being rumored that the night mechanical department caller has secured the license, but since has failed to find his better half. Where has she gone?

—Lyle Henkel, formerly night baggage master here, now machinist at La Junta, sends his best regards to all the pretty young ladies at Dodge.

—P. L. Taylor of the round house force, returned Monday night with his family from a visit to friends in Bowling Green, Ky. Mr. Taylor left here June 16th.

—The work train crew came down on No. 6 Sunday, to visit their families. Conductor Judd; brakemen Williams and Davis. Fay Willey went back in Davis' place.

—Seven thousand tons of coal of the 20,000 to be stored at La Junta by the Santa Fe have already arrived. All the bins at the coal chutes are full and a pile over a hundred feet long is located near there along one of the side tracks.

—It is said that the Santa Fe is quietly storing up several million bushels of coal at convenient places along their line, as a result of the late coal strike. Five hundred cars were unloaded at Topeka and several hundred cars have been dumped at other points in the State.

—Several pictures were taken a few days ago of the Rock Island afternoon train as it was coming along towards Topeka at the rate of 50 miles an hour, when about six miles out of Topeka. The track at this place lies along the river bank and the river on one side and the high bank on the other make a very pretty back ground. The pictures will be framed and hung in the passenger offices here.

—O. L. Clarke, of the auditor's office has been appointed traveling auditor of the Santa Fe, with jurisdiction over a part of the middle division and all of the western division. This office was made vacant by the transferring of Mr. J. E. Hunt, of the Chicago division, to the general offices. Mr. L. J. McQuade took Mr. Hunt's place, and Mr. Clarke, being in line of promotion, was given the traveling auditorship.

—The old time trouble over car brasses is up again in Hutchinson. Some parties seem to make a business of stealing brass from the railroad companies and then to junk shops and second-hand stores. The parties who take the brass are not to be found and the deal gets those who buy the brass into trouble. A State case has been filed at the district court against George Zinn who runs a second-hand store on North Main street. The complaint is made by the Santa Fe company. It is alleged that Mr. Zinn had in his possession car brasses which he purchased and which was stolen from the company. It seems that dealers are supposed to know railroad brass when they see it.—Hutchinson News.